

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

June 9, 2006

Thomas Steele, District Supervisor Conway Village Fire District WWTF PO Box 342 Conway, NH 03818

LETTER OF DEFICIENCY# WSEB 06-054Certified Mail# 7099 3400 0003 6156 5477

Subject: Conway – Conway Village Fire District Wastewater Treatment Facility, Groundwater Discharge Permit for Unlined Wastewater Treatment Lagoons (DES# 198912004-C-002)

Dear Mr. Steele:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Conway Village Fire District owns and operates a domestic wastewater treatment facility with disposal to the groundwater via infiltration. Pursuant to NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 1500, *Groundwater Discharge Permit and Registration Rules*, and successor rules, this facility is required to obtain a Groundwater Discharge Permit. The purpose of the permit is to assess groundwater quality and determine compliance with the applicable Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS).

DES records indicate that the facility's Release Detection Permit (DES# 198912004-C-002) expired on February 15, 2005. Since the facility's wastewater lagoons have been determined to be unlined, a Groundwater Discharge Permit is required. Discharging wastewater to the ground and groundwater without a valid Groundwater Discharge Permit places the facility in violation of RSA 485-A:13.

DES believes the violation can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- 1. **By July 14, 2006**, submit to DES a tabular summary of all groundwater sampling analyses results from January 1, 2000, to the present for monitoring wells MW-5s, 6, 7s, 9, and 10; and
- 2. By July 31, 2006, complete and submit a Groundwater Discharge Permit application (enclosed) and supporting information to obtain the required permit.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action against the District, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

All correspondence, documentation, and sampling analyses results as requested should be addressed as follows:

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29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
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Please contact Mitchell Locker by e-mail at *mlocker@des.state.nh.us*, or by phone at (603) 271-2858, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator

Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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Groundwater Discharge Permit Application

cc w/o encl:

Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator

Brandon Kernen, WSEB Conway Board of Selectmen

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